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SUBJECT: FOA POSITION ON FEOF AND ESF

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1. WHEN I ASKED FONOFF DEPUTY SECRETARY SHANN DURING UN DAY RECEPTION OCTOBER 24 WHERE MATTERS STOOD RE AUSTRALIAN SUPPORT FOR FEOF AND ESF, HE SAID THAT AT FONOFF MEETING THAT MORNING DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN TO SEEK FUNDS FOR ESF AND FEOF.

ISSUE WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL SENATOR WILLESEE BECOMES FONMIN SOME TEN DAYS HENCE SINCE IT IS FELT THAT WILLESEE WILL GIVE MATTER REQUIRED TOP LEVEL SUPPORT, INCLUDING GAINING PRIMIN'S APPROVAL.

2. I ASKED WHETHER AUSTRALIA WOULD BE PROVIDING ROUGHLY THE SAME AMOUNTS AS IN PROCEEDING YEARS. HE SAID THAT THIS HAD NOT BEEN FINALLY DETERMINED AND HE WOULD PREFER NOT TO MAKE ANY GUESTIMATE LEAST THAT TURN OUT TO BE MISLEADING.

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3. I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY ONCE AGAIN TO STRESS
THE IMPORTANCE OUR GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO
HAVING AUSTRALIAN SUPPORT FOR THESE TWO FUNDS.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THIS ISSUE NOW SEEMS TO BE BACK
ON THE RAILS. THERE MAY BE ADVANTAGE IN JAPANESE
APPROACHING GOA (REFTEL) AS LONG AS THIS IS SEEN
AS CLEARLY A JAPANESE INITIATIVE.
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